WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Notice to 450 families of Ena-Islampur Village by "BCCL to vacate their houses due to gas leakage

3975. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGAR WALLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. has issued notices to over 450 families of Ena-Islampur village to vacate their houses in view of danger to life and property due to gas leakage and underground fire;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the residents have refused to vacate without alternative accommodation and proper compensation;

(d) if so. the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government have taken to defuse the gas leakage and to control the underground fire ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) It has been reported by Coal India Limited that notice has been issued to 31 persons of Ena-Islampur village to vacate iheir houses. These 31 persons have encroached BCCL land of Khata No. 54 Plot No. 346 at Bastacolla Mouza.

(c) and (d) These residents have refused to vacate the houses. The question of alternative accommodation and compensation does not arise since it is illegal occupation of BCCL land.

(c) The various techniques adopted by BCCL to extinguish/control the fire are blanketing, surface sealing, sand flushing through bore holes. But the residents of Ena-Islampur village are resisting by not vacating their houses so the work of fire control is being hampered.